

Application No. 09/628,401
Amendment Dated March 9, 2004
Reply to Office Action dated November 24, 2003

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Claims 7-8 are canceled. Claims 1-2, 4-6, 11-16, 28, 37, 45, 48, 51 and 54-55 were previously cancelled. Claims 17-27 and 42 were cancelled pursuant to a restriction requirement. Claims 3, 9-10, 29-36, 38-41, 44, 46-47, 49-50, 52-53 and 56 are pending.

Applicants hereby acknowledge, with appreciation, the indication that Claims 3, 9-10, 29-36, 38-41, 44, 46-47, 49-50, 52-53 and 56 are allowed.

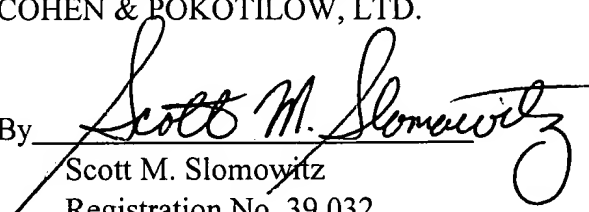
For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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